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Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First—Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at the Town of Springerville Office, 418 East Main Street, Springerville, Arizona 85938.

Chair Barela called the meeting to order at approximately 3:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members Present:

Tom Barela, Sheila Chairez, Michael Downs, Claude Endfield, Leslie Meyer, Cathy Taylor and Becky Towle

Members Absent: Margie Tapia and Michael Zimmerman

Others Present:

Samantha Cowan, Belinda Davis, Kate Dobler-Allen, Rhonda Etsitty, Kathi Ford, AdiShakti Khalsa, Allison Mitkowski, Maureen Theobald, and Peggy Wojtal

Member Reports and Updates

None

Call to the Public

None

Disclosure of Conflicts

Member Cathy Taylor submitted a disclosure form for Agenda Item 12d (Healthy Steps) since she works for North Country HealthCare.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of September 15, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 15, 2010, of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council. Member Endfield moved that the Regional Council approve the minutes of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council regular meeting, held on September 15, 2010, as presented. Member Chairez seconded; the motion passed.

Presentation and Discussion of KinderCamp United Way Program in the Navajo/Apache Region

Ms. Allison Mitkowski, Director of Education Innovation and Results with United Way of Northern Arizona, gave a presentation about KinderCamp and answered questions from the Regional Council members.

Child Care Health Consultation Presentation and Update

Ms. Kathi Ford, Pima County Health Department, introduced Ms. Belinda Davis, also from the Pima County Health Department, and gave an overview of the Child Care Health Consultant program, in general, as well as how it has rolled out in the Navajo/Apache Region.

Regional Coordinator's Report

- a. Monthly Report:** Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed the Regional Coordinator's report.
- b. Community Outreach Update:** Coordinator Dobler-Allen presented a status report for Community Outreach Liaison Michelle Pansulla, who was unable to attend the meeting. Coordinator Dobler-Allen stated there are more than 51 champions for early childhood in this region, to date.
- c. Operational Plan:** Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed the current status of the Operational Plan and stated there are no significant changes this month; however, the check in the amount of \$21,551 has not yet been received from Apache County. A meeting is being planned to discuss the Statewide Child Care Study.
- d. Data Report Fiscal Year 2010 Year End:** Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed the data report.
- e. Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Allocation:** Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed the Fiscal Year 2012 statewide regional budget allocations.

Arizona Early Childhood Taskforce System Framework and Priority Recommendations

Coordinator Dobler-Allen presented and reviewed the Task Force System Recommendations that have been endorsed by the State First Things First Board; the Regional Council discussed the process used to arrive at the recommendations. Additionally, the Regional Council held a discussion related to the timeline of implementing the Task Force Recommendations over the next five fiscal years.

Discussion and Priority Setting of Fiscal Year 2011 Strategies Being Continued into Fiscal Year 2012

Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed the Fiscal Years 2010, 2011 and 2012 Strategy Impact by Goal Area as a foundation for the Regional Council's discussion related to strategic planning for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012.

Discussion and Possible Revision of Fiscal Year 2011 Funding Plan and Related Contracts

- a. Oral Health and Dental Varnish Program:** The Oral Health Screens and Varnish Strategy was reviewed in light of Fiscal Year 2010 year-end data, as well as the Navajo County Public Health Services District's request for additional funding in order to expand services within the region. The Regional Council discussed this as a consideration for Fiscal Year 2011 and asked Coordinator Dobler-Allen to get a more in-depth description of what the expanded services and staffing needs would be.
- b. Child Care Scholarships:** The Child Care Scholarships Strategy and current financial investment was reviewed and discussed by the Regional Council; the Regional Council expressed a desire to have Fiscal Year 2010 carry forward dollars put toward this strategy in Fiscal Year 2011.
- c. REWARD\$:** Coordinator Dobler-Allen shared that only regional partnership councils which currently have REWARD\$ as a strategy may add funding to this strategy in Fiscal Year 2011; however, the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council could choose to add this strategy in Fiscal Year 2012.
- d. Healthy Steps:** Fiscal Year 2010 year-end programmatic and financial data was reviewed for this strategy which showed the effectiveness of this strategy in reaching expectations of the Regional Council, as well as narrative report excerpts that point to community investment and buy-in into this strategy. The Regional Council expressed a desire to explore expanding this program in Fiscal Year 2011 and into Fiscal Year 2012 and directed Coordinator Dobler-Allen to make the necessary inquiries into the potential contract expansion.

Discussion of State Fiscal Year 2012 Strategies and Possible Expansion

- a. Oral Health and Dental Varnish:** The Regional Council expressed a desire to sustain funding for this strategy, potentially at a level to sustain possible program expansion in mid-year Fiscal Year 2011.
- b. Child Care Scholarships:** The Regional Council expressed a desire to see this strategy continued in Fiscal Year 2012 at a rate equivalent to Fiscal Year 2011 investment.
- c. Community-based Early Literacy:** The Regional Council discussed combining the two early literacy strategies currently in the funding plan into one community-based early literacy strategy that would be implemented within the current partnership with the Navajo County Library District.
- d. Healthy Steps:** The Regional Council expressed a desire to see expansion of this program, as well as a desire to financially support expansion, when expansion is appropriate.
- e. REWARD\$:** The Regional Council may choose to add this strategy to their Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Plan, but this will need further discussion.


Member Endfield left the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at Northland Pioneer College, Room NLC-142, 2251 North Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook Arizona 86025. There being no further business, Chair Barela adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:55 p.m.



Thomas Barela, Chair



Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Coordinator